

**ALVIN C. YORK PROJECT
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RECORD GROUP 269**

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INTRODUCTION

Record Group 269, Alvin C. York Project, Tennessee Historical Commission, 1987, contains the research materials compiled for the purpose of interpreting the Alvin C. York site. This collection was transferred in good condition to the Tennessee State Library and Archives from the offices of the Tennessee Historical Commission about 1994. The collection measures three cubic feet. The documents were removed from their original folders and placed in acid free materials. A small amount of duplicate materials were discarded. The initial arrangement was alphabetical by subject files and this original order was strictly maintained.

Record Group 269 has been microfilmed and the documents have been retained. There are no restrictions on the use of materials in this collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Alvin C. York Project, Record Group 269, is a collection of photocopied materials only. The majority of the original documents are located at the Alvin C. York site. This project is similar in nature to the Cordell Hull Birthplace Restoration Project, RG 268, that took place at about the same time in the late 1980's. The project evidently, was a cooperative effort between the Tennessee Historical Commission, The Upper Cumberland Humanities and Social Sciences Institute of Tennessee Technological University, and the Tennessee Department of Conservation. The purpose of the project is best described in the *Proposal for Alvin C. York Site Research Package*, located in Box 1, f. 1, *Targeted Tasks-Alvin York Project*, located in Box 1, f. 2, and *Alvin York Home & Mill--Preliminary Research Information*, located in Box 1, f. 3.

The arrangement of this collection is essentially alphabetical by subject file with the exception of Box 1, f. 1 - 3. These three folders are placed at the beginning of the collection since they best describe the purpose of the project. The original file titles were maintained during processing. In some cases additional description was added to supplement the titles in order to clarify to the researcher the nature of the contents. This collection consists of photocopies of original documents, manuscripts, publications, articles, correspondence, clippings, and speeches. It is a comprehensive study of the life of Sergeant Alvin C. York, hero of World War I. The weakness of this collection is the fact that all documents and photographs are photocopies of the originals.

Prominent individuals included in this collection are Marie Adels, William Jennings Bryan, Arthur S. Bushin, Sam K. Cowan, Lipscomb Davis, Col. Herbert Houston, Cordell Hull, R. I. Hutchings, Jesse L. Laskey, George Pattullo, Austin Peay, General John J. Pershing, Thomas Skeyhill, and Harry S. Truman.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

FOLDER/DESCRIPTION:

1. Proposal For Alvin C. York Site Research Package
2. York Project--Task List and Progress Report
3. Manuscript--Alvin C. York Home & Mill-Preliminary Research Information
4. Adels, Marie--Warner Bros. Lawsuit--Subject File
5. *A. E. F. Speech* by Mary Paxton Keeley, June 1930--Article
6. Autobiography--Sgt. Alvin C. York
7. Bible School--Subject File
8. Bryan, William Jennings--Subject File
9. Burial Monument--Subject File
10. Bushing, Arthur S.--Correspondence
11. Cartoons & Illustrations--Subject File
12. Christianity & York--Subject File
13. Church of Christ in Christian Unity--Subject File
14. Citations/Honors--Subject File
15. Civilian Conservation Corps, Crossville--Subject File
16. Congressional Hearings--Subject File
17. Contacts/Leads-York Project--Subject File
18. Copyrights--Subject File

BOX 2

FOLDER/DESCRIPTION:

1. Alvin York--Correspondence
2. Alvin York--Correspondence
3. Cowan, Sam K.--Correspondence
4. Davis, Lipscomb--Correspondence
5. Draft Board--Subject File
6. Draft Card--Alvin York
7. Eastman House Photographs
8. 82nd Division, A.E.F. --Subject File
9. Education Bills--Legislation
10. Ferris-Wheel Bed--Hospital Bed
11. German Account of Oct. 8, 1918
12. Hero--Subject File
13. Hale, John S./Legal Affairs--Subject File
14. Houston, Col. Herbert--Subject File
15. Hollywood--*Where Were You*, Television show--Subject File
16. Hull, Cordell--Subject File

17. Hull-York Lakeland Resource Conservation and Development Project--Booklet
18. Hutchings, R. I/Education--Subject File
19. Internal Revenue Service--Subject File
20. Internal Revenue Service--Subject File

BOX 3

FOLDER/DESCRIPTION:

1. Inventory--York Home--by Mancil Johnson, Tennessee Technological University
2. Kennedy Library--Correspondence
3. Laskey, Jesse L.--Correspondence
4. Lindbergh Controversy--Subject File
5. Literature--Inspirational
6. Love Letters to Gracie Williams--Correspondence
7. Love Letters from Gracie to Alvin--Correspondence
8. Manuscript--*World War I, An Overview of the Great War* by Birdwell, Michael E.
9. Manuscript--*Alvin York & Tennessee Education* By Birdwell, Michael E.
10. Manuscript--*York Finances* by Birdwell, Michael E.
11. Media Biographies, 1919-1930
12. Media Biographies, 1931-1942
13. Media Biographies. 1943-1964
14. Media Biographies, After 1964
15. Military Field Orders
16. Movie Reviews
17. Pacifism--*Never To Fight Overseas*-Unpublished Article by James Metcalf
18. Pattullo, George, Articles--Subject File
19. Peay, Austin--Correspondence
20. Pension
21. Pershing, General John J.--Correspondence
22. Photographs
23. Photographs

BOX 4

FOLDER/DESCRIPTION:

1. Poetry
2. Politics--National
3. Politics--State
4. Press Releases
5. Prison--Alvin York, Jr.
6. Production Photos--Movie Stills
7. Pyle, Coonrod--Genealogy
8. Releases--Movie

9. Resolutions
10. Research--Proposed Articles for *Southern Magazine*
11. Skeyhill, Thomas, Chapters 21-32--Manuscript
12. State Museum-Tennessee--Subject File
13. Speaking Tours--Subject File

BOX 5

FOLDER/DESCRIPTION:

1. Speeches
2. Speeches
3. Speeches
4. Survivors, G Company--Subject File
5. Tourism--Sgt. York Country Brochure
6. Truman, Harry S.--Correspondence
7. Warner Brothers--Subject File
8. Warner Brothers--Subject File
9. Warner Brothers-York Home Files--Subject File

BOX 6

FOLDER/DESCRIPTION:

1. World War I--Subject File
2. York's Death--Subject File
3. York, Gracie--Subject File
4. York Institute/Education--Subject File
5. York Institute--Subject File
6. York's Personal--Correspondence
7. York Site--Subject File
8. York Statue--Subject File
9. York Tank--Subject File
10. York Wedding--Subject File